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Parliament Security Breach

SIT to bring two accused to Mysuru

Mysuru, Dec. 16 (RK&BS)- D. Manoranjan and Sagar Sharma, who have been arrested along with four others on the charges of security breach at the New Parliament House in Delhi, are most likely to be brought to Mysuru by Special Investigation Team (SIT) which is probing into the case.

Manoranjan, a resident of Vijayanagar Second Stage in the city and Sagar Sharma of Uttar Pradesh, who burst smoke canisters in the Lok Sabha on Dec. 13, are believed to have met and discussed at a hotel in Mysuru, one-and-a-half-years ago.

(See ACCUSED on page 7)

Manoranjan Sagar Sharma

- Probe team to dig deep into details of accused Manoranjan of Mysuru and Sagar Sharma of UP who are believed to have met at a hotel in city one-and-a-half-years ago
- IB Officers issue DOs and DON'Ts to Manoranjan's kin in city
- Delhi Police Special Cell to record MP Simmha's statement

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 16th December 2023

Age-Friendly Mysore Project to commence from January 2024

Mysuru, Dec. 16 - The "Age-Friendly Mysore Project" (AFM), a collaboration between the Department of Geriatrics at JSS AHER, Mysuru, Public Health Research Institute of India (PHRII), Mysuru and the University of Arizona, Tucson, USA, to examine how Mysuru can plan for the growing needs of its elderly population will begin from January 2024.

"The project will interview a cross-section of people aged 60 to 80 years to gain their viewpoints about what they need for healthy aging," says Dr. Karl Krupp, a researcher from the University of Arizona. Krupp has a Fulbright Global Scholar Award to study the needs of the elderly. "Seniors often don't complain, so their perspectives haven't been prioritised," says Krupp.

The Project, initiated by World Health Organisation's Age-Friendly Cities Framework, will interview seniors about factors like community and healthcare, transportation, housing, social participation, outdoor spaces and buildings, respect and social inclusion, civic participation and employment, and communication and information.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The recent humanitarian crisis when a tunnel collapsed at Silkyara in Uttarkashi was horrendous. Forty-one workers trapped in the debris and the most advanced technology not able to drill all the way, seemed like an insurmountable impasse. At this juncture a last-resort kind of decision had to be taken. Rathole miners were called in to burrow manually. Rathole mining is banned officially as it is environmentally disastrous. The people who engage in it are of low social status and are linked to mining mafias. The unlawful nature of their activity did not inspire much trust. Their skill came from informal mentoring and could not be showcased or advertised. The men came and at great risk to their own lives, were willing and able to deliver. All the workers were rescued. This action may have been compensated by payment but the courage to put oneself at risk in a crisis is an act of morality. Morality of the unethical may come as a surprise to the conventional mind, which brackets and categorises everything, but it is not unknown.

A tale from the Panchatantra captures this in a poignant way. Three friends, a prince, a merchant, and a scholar set out to seek their fortune. On a mountain in a thick forest, they did find precious stones. The issue of carrying them back was loudly debated. The scholar's suggestion of swallowing it was accepted as the best. A thief hearing it all befriended them and joined them with the intent of robbing them and perhaps even killing them to do so.

As they passed through a village, the headman's caged bird began to sing. This evolved bird knew that the travellers carried a treasure. The headman understood and had the travellers arrested. They were stripped and searched but nothing was found. They were allowed to go. The bird started to sing the same song again. The headman who had great faith in the advanced nature of the bird, had the travellers arrested again. This time he decided to cut open their stomachs.

The unethical robber decided to save the three men he had planned to kill. He made a noble decision and begged that his stomach be cut open first. It was done and the headman, filled with remorse allowed the other three to go. While robbing and rathole mining are both unethical and cannot be celebrated, morality coming from any source needs to be acknowledged. — *Jamuna Rao in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Building moved using 700 bars of soap

Nova Scotia: A former hotel in Nova Scotia was moved by a construction firm with help from 700 bars of soap.

Halifax's Elmwood building, which was built as a home in 1826 and converted into the Victorian Elmwood Hotel in 1896, was slated for demolition in 2018, but was saved by a sale to Galaxy Properties, which announced plans to move the structure closer to the street and put it on new foundation so it could connect to a planned apartment building.

Rushton said instead of using rollers, the team decided to use 700 bars of Ivory soap to make the building glide across the frame. He said Ivory soap is particularly soft, making for a smooth move.

Customer finds smiling chip in his meal

Milton Keynes: A McDonald's customer found himself a real-life 'happy meal' when he discovered a 'smiling' chip staring back at him in his fries.

Kevin Ferrari was left grinning ear-to-ear after noticing that one of his potatoes appeared to be as pleased as him when he delved into the savoury snack.

The civil servant said that he was tucking into his food over the weekend when he noticed the chipper chip.

He had picked up the portion of fries over the weekend at the Portway branch in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, on November 5.

Noticing the seemingly cheery potato, he took a quick picture and shared it on social media.

The 44-year-old soon racked up hundreds of likes on Facebook as people shared and commented on the post.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Can Smoking cause urinary bladder cancer?

Yes, smoking can cause urinary bladder cancer because nicotine is a carcinogenic.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T P - Consultant - Urology and Andrology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

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Yuva Nidhi from Jan. 1, 2024: CM

Registration will start from Dec. 26

Bengaluru, Dec. 16- Chief Minister Siddharamaiah announced that Yuva Nidhi, one of the five pre-poll guarantees announced by Congress Government, will be implemented from New Year, Jan. 1, 2024.

The CM, who made the announcement on Thursday, said that "Under Yuva Nidhi, the unemployed graduates will be given a monthly financial assistance of Rs. 3,000 and unemployed Diploma holders will get Rs. 1,500 per month."

Earlier, Minister for Medical Education Dr. Sharanprakash R. Patil, who also holds Skill Development portfolio, had announced that registrations for Yuva Nidhi scheme will start from Dec. 26, 2023. The eligible beneficiaries can register their names through the Seva Sindhu portal.

Yuva Nidhi is the fifth guarantee to see its light of the day, after Shakti, Gruha Jyothi, Anna Bhagya and Gruha Lakshmi schemes that have been successfully implemented in phases, ever since the Congress Government came to power in May this year.

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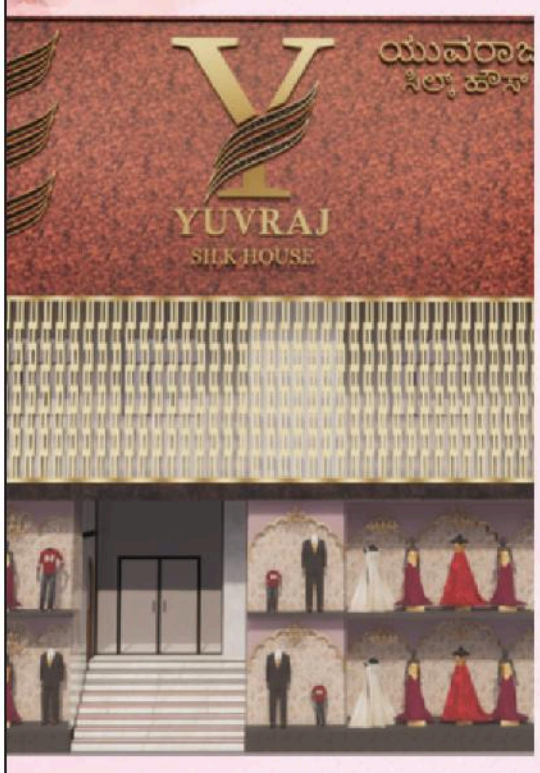

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NEWS BRIEFS

Alumni Meet

The alumni meet of Sarada Vilas College Alumni Association will be held at Centenary Hall of Sarada Vilas College on Dec. 17 from 10.30 am onwards. [Mob: 98800-24483].

Suttur Jatra preparatory meeting

The preparatory meeting regarding the 37th Punyaradhane (Death anniversary) of late Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji and the forthcoming annual Suttur Jatra Mahotsava will take place at Suttur in Nanjangud at 9 am tomorrow (Dec. 17). Ahead of the meeting, bhumi puja for Jatra Mahotsava Mantapas will be performed in the presence of Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and other Seers, according to a press release.

Inter-collegiate debate contest

The Sahitya Sangha of The Anathalaya, Mysuru, will be conducting the 28th Annual Kannada debate contest in memory of Lokasevanirata V. Narayanarao on the topic "Modernity is the sole reason for erosion of human relation ships" at Annapurna Nilaya, The Anathalaya premises, N.S. Road in city at 9 am on Dec. 17. There will be three prizes (1st prize - Rs. 8,000, 2nd - Rs. 5,000 and 3rd - Rs. 3,000). For registration, call Mob: 87925-77347 or 79754-84032 or 95915-63181.

Anti-obesity camp

JSS Ayurveda Hospital, Lalithadri -pura Road, Alanahalli, Mysuru, is organising 'Anti-obesity camp' from Dec. 16 to 26. Camp comprises scientifically designed anti-obesity formulas to shed off extra fat and weight with panchakarma, prakruthi assessment, ayurvedic and naturo-pathy lifestyle regimen, proven ayurvedic therapies, naturopathy therapies, physical exercises, yoga, pranayama and dhyana, ahara (diet) under the supervision of expert doctors. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2548231 or Mob: 99164-83919, according to a press release.

Calling building owners

The Social Welfare Department is in need of a 3-4 storeyed building constructed on sites measuring 60x40', 60x50' and 60x80'located in Mysuru taluk that can accommodate 200 to 250 students for running a Post-Matric students hostel, on a monthly rental basis. The interested building owners can contact the Office of the Social Welfare Department, Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Bhavan, Valmiki Road, Paduvarahalli, Mysuru. For details, contact Mob: 89516-36358.

'Early hike in duty allowance of Home Guards must'

Prof. P. Madesh, former Commandant, makes a pitch during All India Home Guards Day celebrations

Mysuru, Dec. 16 (SBD&BS)- Prof. P. Madesh, Registrar (Evaluation), Chamarajanagara University, has urged for early hike in the Duty Allowance of Home Guards in the State.

Prof. Madesh, who is also a former Commandant of Home Guards, put forth the demand during All India Home Guards Annual Day celebrations organised by Home Guards, Mysuru Unit, at Saraswathipuram Fire Station Grounds in the city on Thursday.

"It is happy to note that Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar has spoken about the proposal to hike the Duty Allowance of Home Guards who work in tandem with Police for the good of the society, during the ongoing Winter Session of State Legislature at Belagavi. Like mentioned by the Home Minister, all the Home Guards should get a Duty Allowance of Rs. 750 per day, as there has been a disparity in the allowance given to Home Guards serving under Police Department and other Departments," said Prof. Madesh.

Earlier, the Home Guards were deployed only for prominent duties and emergency situations, before deputing them on a regular basis. In Mysuru alone, there are more than 1,200 Home Guards. "Professional issues are common, but one should never forget their parents and the department that gave them employment. Don't have an inferiority towards saluting in public. You are rich in humanity and being kind to others. A few years down the line, humanity will be more valued than money. Everybody has difficulties, but your efforts should not go waste. Ensure better education to children," said Prof. Madesh in his advice to Home Guards.

Writer Prof. N.R. Shivaram, who also took part in the celebrations, lauded the services rendered by Home Guards.

Financial assistance was given to the dependents of deceased Home Guards and those who retired from the service were felicitated on the occasion.

District Home Guards Commandant Dr. M. Kantharaju presided over the celebration.

Assistant Administrative Officer M.N. Vishwanath, faculty M.R. Chandan, Assistant Faculty S. Manjunath and others were present.

Earlier, the Home Guards took out a march past under the leadership of Parade Commander Ningaraj, in the backdrop of Police Band.

> A soldier collapses after receiving four to five bullet shots in the battle. Another soldier who sees the injured soldier seeks permission of his higher officer to take the injured to safety. However, the higher officer denies permission, citing safety issues during the battle. But the determined soldier brings the injured to a safe place and also suffers bullet injuries in the melee. The higher officer tells the soldier for what reason he dissuaded him from helping the injured soldier. But the soldier replies: "Sir, when I went there, he (injured soldier) said he was expecting me. No matter that I had to receive bullet shots, but I kept his faith in me." This is how you should develop a bond and console if anybody amidst you are in distress.
>
> **—Major Manjunath,**
> **13 Karnataka NCC Battalion (AO 13, KAR)**

Sexual assault on minor sister-in-law

Accused sentenced to 25 years rigorous imprisonment

Mysuru, Dec. 16 (PM&KS)- The city's POCSO Court has sentenced a man to 25 years rigorous imprisonment and has imposed a fine of Rs. 1 lakh for sexually assaulting his minor sister-in-law resulting in her getting pregnant.

The convict is a resident of a village in the taluk and a cook by profession. He used to stay in his father-in-law's house and was friendly with his minor sister-in-law.

In March 2022, when there was nobody at home, the man, who threatened his minor sister-in-law, allegedly assaulted her sexually and threatened of murdering her if she disclosed it to anyone. The man continued to sexually assault her many times resulting in her getting pregnant.

The girl's mother, who came to know about it, lodged a complaint with Varuna Police. Inspector Swarna, who registered a case, conducted an investigation, registered a case under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and submitted a charge-sheet against the accused to the Court.

Special POCSO Court Judge Shayma Khamroz, who took up the case, heard the arguments from both sides, found the accused guilty and convicted him on Dec. 12, 2023, under POCSO Act. The Judge sentenced the accused to 25 years rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs. 1 lakh. An addition six months simple imprisonment was also awarded besides imposing a fine of Rs. 1,000 for threatening the girl.

The Judge ordered Rs. 75,000 from the fine of Rs. 1 lakh be given to the victim and announced that the girl was eligible for Rs. 5 lakh compensation.

Special Public Prosecutor K.B. Jayanthi argued on behalf of the Government.

20 years jail for sexually assaulting specially abled girl

Mysuru, Dec. 16 (PM&KS)- In another judgement, Special POCSO Court Judge Shayma Khamroz has sentenced another man to 20 years rigorous imprisonment for sexually assaulting a specially abled girl. The accused in the guise of asking water, barged into the house and sexually assaulted the specially abled.

The girl's parents had lodged a complaint at the South Police Station. The Police, after investigating the case, had submitted a charge-sheet to the Court.

Judge Shayma Khamroz, who heard the case on Dec. 6, found the accused man guilty and sentenced him to 20 years imprisonment and ordered Rs. 1.05 lakh compensation be given to the victim. The Judge also announced that the victim was eligible for Rs. 5 lakh compensation provided by the Legal Services Authority.

Special Public Prosecutor K.B. Jayanthi argued on behalf of the Government.

'Inter-district transfer of Police couples allowed'

Belagavi, Dec. 16- Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda said that inter-district transfer of Police couples is allowed in State Police Department.

Replying to a query of BJP MLA Basangouda Patil Yatnal, he said: "There is already a provision for the inter-district transfer of husband and wife serving in the Police Department. While a suitable decision will be taken with regard to the proposal to increase the minimum period of transfer of Police Officers to two years."

Earlier, the minimum period of transfer in Police Department was two years, which was reduced to one year, seven years ago, said Krishna Byre Gowda.

Yatnal had urged the Government to increase the minimum period of transfer to two years, as it takes one year to suppress goonda elements, making it difficult to handle criminal cases.

VOICE OF THE READER

Flybus needs maintenance

Sir,

I happened to travel last week from KIA to Mysuru by late night KSRTC Flybus (KA 57 F 2885). I had arrived 45 mins earlier to the departure, but the bus already had 15 passengers boarded and taking rest.

The bus was switched off and air conditioning was not turned on. After many people requested to turn on the system, the driver did do only 5 minutes before beginning the journey.

The bus has got cockroaches roaming around and stinking atmosphere which translates to non-maintaining of the bus interiors.

When I complained to the conductor, he casually told us that he had himself spent Rs. 150 towards the pest control but was of no use. Further he added that the passengers have food which is the prime reason for the breeding of cockroaches inside the coach.

Imagine KSRTC having premium services and getting such horrible service for 4 hour travel. One can check google reviews for the same where a lot of people have complained of stinking atmosphere inside the bus while travelling.

I request the KSRTC officials to look into the premium service offering.

—M.S. Mayur
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'Globalising Indian Thought' (GIT-2023)

Total commitment and knowledge will help in achieving unachievable: Dr. Tessy Thomas

Former Director-General of Aeronautical Systems of DRDO Dr. Tessy Thomas addressing the gathering at the Conclave on 'Globalising Indian Thought' in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Dec. 16 (MK & DM)- Former Director-General, Aeronautical Systems of DRDO, Dr. Tessy Thomas, who is also known as the Missile Woman of India, said that total commitment and involvement in the profession with knowledge is key for achieving the unachievable.

She was delivering the keynote address on the second day of 3-day Fourth International Conclave on 'Globalising Indian Thought' (GIT-2023) organised by Indian Institute of Management (IIM) - Kozhikode, at Hotel Radisson Blu Plaza here on Friday. Observing that scientists should always be looking for new ideas and thoughts, Dr. Tessy Thomas said she too was engaged in constant learning and this helped her a lot in designing innovative rockets.

Noting that leaders should always stay focused on their responsibilities and the challenges ahead, she highlighted her functioning as a scientist at DRDO. She could develop as many as 23 rockets in a year by staying focused, she added.

The Missile Woman of India also shared her experiences while working under the guidance of *Bharat Ratna* Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and her role in the manufacture of Agni missiles.

Chandra Shekhar Ghosh, Founder, MD and CEO of Bandhan Bank, delivered a lecture on the occasion.

The Conclave Chair and Director, IIM, Kozhikode, Prof. Debashis Chatterjee felicitated Dr. Tessy Thomas and Chandra Shekhar Ghosh by presenting a memento to them.

'Christmas Shop & Win'

extravaganza at Mall of Mysore

Mysuru, Dec. 16- This holiday season, Mall of Mysore invites one and all to immerse themselves in the spirit of Christmas with a lineup of enchanting festivities and exclusive shopping experiences.

From Dec. 16 to 23, Mall of Mysore presents the 'Christmas Shop & Win' extravaganza. With purchases totalling Rs. 5,000 or more, customers win assured gifts straight from the Mall.

As the holiday cheer blankets the air, Mall of Mysore is set to transform into a winter wonderland. People can witness the breathtaking Cake Show at the Central Atrium, a delightful collaboration with Royal Warrior Bakery. Prepare to be mesmerised by the tallest tree decor in Mysuru, igniting the festive spirit in every visitor.

The celebrations culminate on Dec. 24 and 25 as Santa Claus himself descends upon Mall of Mysore. Kids may get ready for a dose of joy as Santa pampers them with gifts galore.

Alongside, enjoy the Tall Candy Cane Show, the Tall Soldier Show and the Winter Bubble Show, creating moments of wonder and laughter.

"This Christmas Carnival aims to bring the joy and magic of the season to every visitor," said Col. C.P. Medappa, General Manager at Mall of Mysore. Visit Mall of Mysore this December and be a part of the extraordinary festivities that promise to enchant and delight one and all.

Applications invited for accident relief

Mysuru, Dec. 16- Under the NDUW (National Database for Unorganised Workers), the Union Labour Ministry has invited applications from unorganised workers who are categorised under 379 categories, for getting accident relief of Rs. 2 lakh under PMSBY (Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bhima Yojana) through e-SHRAM portal.

The unorganised workers can apply along with necessary documents at the Office of the Labour Welfare Officer, Mysuru Sub-division, No. 35/a, J.G. Complex, New Kantharaj Urs Road, Kuvempunagar.

For details, visit the offices of the Senior Labour Inspector, Mysuru or the Labour Inspector Offices at Nanjangud, Periyapatna, Hunsur, T. Narasipur, K.R. Nagar and H.D. Kote or call Ph: 0821-2343990, according to a press release.

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Join me on this voyage where "Memoire: Triumph over Adversity" transcends boundaries, celebrating human potential and purpose. This book is dedicated to inspire those trying to bring their dream into reality against all adversities.

For more info about the author and the book, please visit the website, **https://medappa.com**

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13th Graduation Day held at NIE

VTU VC calls upon students to be resurgent in ideas, thoughts and knowledge systems

*Students, who received medals and certificates at the 13th Graduation Day and Endowment Awards Presentation programme at NIE in city this morning, are seen with (sitting from left) **NIE Controller of Examinations Dr. S. Kuzhalvaimozhi, Principal Dr. Rohini Nagapadma, Managing Committee President Dr. M.S. Ranganath, VTU VC Dr. S. Vidyashankar, NIE Vice-Principal Dr. M.S. Ganesh Prasad and Dean (Academic Affairs) Dr. C. Vidya Raj.***

Mysuru, Dec. 16 (BLU&DM)- As many as 970 students (844 Under-Graduate and 126 Post-Graduates) got their degree Certificate on the 13th Graduation Day and Endowment Awards Presentation programme organised by the National Institute of Engineering (NIE) at NIE Golden Jubilee Indoor Sports Complex on Manandavadi Road here this morning.

Speaking as the chief guest on the occasion, VTU (Visvesvaraya Technological University) - Belagavi Vice-Chancellor Dr. S. Vidyashankar said: "We must discover out roots, blend them in our career and synergise them with the requirement of modern times. Then only we will become Aatmanirbhar, meaning a resurgent Bharat."

Stressing on the need for the students to become resurgent in ideas, thoughts and knowledge system, he underlined the role of the young generation in taking this task forward.

"My advice to the young Graduates on this occasion is that they should be able to face any odds and calamities courageously and enjoy a meaningful life without losing sight of our rich cultural heritage, which is based on the principles of sustainability and good of humanity," he said.

Pointing out that future jobs need more creativity, cognitive ability, critical thinking, passion and compassion, Dr. Vidyashankar said that the VTU has left no stone unturned to make its students adaptable to these technological advances, by changing its curriculum accordingly from time to time to keep pace with advancements in Science and Technology. Today, Higher education is meant to facilitate quality research and innovation in order to enhance the quality of life and for this, the VTU conducts quality research and create new knowledge and innovation as individuals and groups, he added.

Dr. Vidyashankar called upon the Engineering Graduates to get benefits of VTU programmes and engage themselves in Research, Development and Innovation initiatives, which are very essential not only for their career development but also help to develop 'Make in India' concept and thus make India what we call as 'Vishwa Guru.'

A total of 49 Under-Graduates, 11 Post-Graduate Rank Holders and 21 Ph.D awardees received Gold Medals on the occasion. Also, 66 students received the Endowment Awards.

NIE Managing Committee President Dr. M.S. Ranganath, Principal Dr. Rohini Nagapadma, Vice-Principal Dr. M.S. Ganesh Prasad, Controller of Examinations Dr. S. Kuzhalvaimozhi, Dean (Academic affairs) Dr. C. Vidya Raj and others were present.

MSME entrepreneurs should appropriately utilise Government loans: Dr. Ishita

Dr. Ishita Ganguli Tripathy, Additional Development Commissioner, Ministry of MSME, Government of India, lighting the lamp to inaugurate the Outreach Programme on 'Financial Literacy and Emerging Opportunities for MSMEs' in city yesterday as others look on. Picture right shows a section of the audience.

Mysuru, Dec. 16 (SBD&DM)- Dr. Ishita Ganguli Tripathy, Additional Development Commissioner, Ministry of MSME, Government of India, said that those running MSMEs (Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises) should effectively utilise Government loans and facilities. She was speaking after inaugurating the Outreach Programme on 'Financial Literacy and Emerging Opportunities for MSMEs,' jointly organised by SIDBI (Small Industries Development Bank of India), KASSIA (Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association), MSME and Canara Bank, at Hotel Pai Vista here yesterday.

Highlighting the Central Government's role and importance of MSME sector in nation-building, Dr. Ishita said that the Government extends loans and several facilities to MSME sector. But the number of those who avail these facilities is less and the Ministry of MSME is working towards bridging this gap. As such, it is important that the MSME sector is trained in an innovative way so that the sector will be more creative and support the Indian economy, she noted.

"The Government's objective is to enhance financial literacy in the MSME sector. The Government has brought in unconventional industries under the MSME sector. This process will continue further and most such industries are availing less than Rs. 10 lakh as loans," Dr. Ishita said adding that more money has been reserved in the Union Budget for the MSME sector.

Satyaki Rastogi, General Manager, SIDBI Regional Office, Bengaluru, elaborated the facilities available to MSMEs and called upon entrepreneurs for generous utilisation of this opportunity. He said, big industries have separate departments and there will be a Human Resource Department to oversee their functioning. But in case of MSME sector, only one will take all responsibilities and as such they need aid in more quantity.

Noting that the growth of MSME sector can also be seen in rural areas, he said that, however, the contribution of the MSME sector to the growth of GDP in India is lesser when compared to other industries. As such, there is a need for more patronisation and financial support to the MSME sector, he observed.

KASSIA Bengaluru President Shashidhar Shetty said that the main objective of this programme is to train MSME sector in an innovative way so that the sector will be more creative and thus support Indian economy.

Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) President K.B. Lingaraju said that the main objective of this programme is to facilitate the growth of MSMEs in tier-2 cities along with Bengaluru.

Earlier, a national seminar on 'Product-Process-Innovation and Packaging Technology' was organised by MSME Development and Facilitation Office, Bengaluru, in association with KASSIA and MCCI. MSME Development & Facilitation Office Joint Director K. Socrates, Canara Bank Regional Director S. Rajashekar, District Industries Centre (DIC) Mysuru Joint Director T. Dinesh, SIDBI Mysuru Asst. General Manager Albert Jeremy & MCCI Hon. Secretary A.K. Shivaji Rao were present.

Parliament Security Breach

SIT to bring two accused to Mysuru

(Continued from page 1)

Acting on this information, the SIT personnel will be bringing them to the city in three to four days, according to Police sources.

SIT, which has taken all the accused arrested in the case into its custody for seven days after producing them before the Court, is quizzing them.

The spot mahazar will be conducted in the presence of the accused Manoranjan and Sharma at the house of the former in Mysuru, it is said.

Along with this, the SIT sleuths will also visit the hotel and collect the address provided by them before checking into the room and ID proof. If available, they will also collect the footages of CCTV camera of the hotel. The parents and sister of Manoranjan will also be subjected into inquiry to collect further information if any.

According to highly placed Police sources, the SIT will also examine the information collected by local Police and the State Intelligence Wing.

If the two accused had also visited the native and farm of Devarajegowda (father of Manoranjan) in Mallapura village, Hassan, the possibilities of taking the accused to spot mahazar in those places also cannot be ruled out.

However, the Office of Mysuru City Police Commissioner is yet to receive information over the schedule of bringing down the accused to Mysuru and the places they would be taken as part ofthe investigation, besides making security arrangements and holding a meeting with the SIT personnel, considering the gravity of the case, that has drawn nationwide attention.

The curiosity remains over how Manoranjan made his parents believe in him as an engineering graduate, despite not completing his studies and what was he doing without taking up any job for 15 years and how did he come in contact with the five-member gang (the co-accused in the case) and the motive behind his unlawful activity.

One should wait and watch to get clarity, till the probe into the case is completed.

IB Officers issue DOs and DON'Ts to accused person's kin in city

Mysuru, Dec. 16 (RK,BLU& BS)- Even as the Special Investigation Team (SIT) is probing into the case of security breach at New Parliament House in Delhi on Dec. 13, in which six accused have been arrested for executing and planning the bursting of smoke canisters inside and outside the Parliament, the Intelligence Bureau (IB) Officers from Delhi have issued a set of instructions to the parents of one of the accused persons, D. Manoranjan, in Mysuru.

According to sources, the IB Officers from Delhi, who visited the house of Manoranjan in Vijayanagar here, a day after the incident, on Dec. 14, inspected his room in the second floor of the house. After carrying out a thorough inspection of the room, which was later sealed by the local Police, the IB Officers have issued clear instructions on DOs and DON'Ts to the family members of Manoranjan.

The first instruction is to keep all the books, newspaper clippings and other materials at his room intact, without disposing them. The second is not to leave the city without IB's permission. The third is to share the information about all the calls received on their mobile phone, especially in relation to their son, the accused in the case, with them (IB). The fourth and last instruction is to receive all the calls without disconnecting them.

Meanwhile, it is also said that, Manoranjan's mother, while speaking to her neighbours, had told them that "My son got a cushy job in Delhi, even before he could complete his BE. Even if he comes to Mysuru, he is summoned back to Delhi often and always travels in flight."

Sources added that, Sagar Sharma, the co-accused in the case, had stayed at the house of Manoranjan for two days and the latter had also taken the former to his farm in Mallapura in Hassan district.

But, the parents had no information about Manoranjan and Sharma staying at a hotel in the city to hold discussions.

Drone Survey to map encroachment of Dewan Poornaiah Canal: DC

Mysuru, Dec. 16 (MTY&BS)- Following complaints of encroachment of Dewan Poornaiah Canal area in the city, the District Administration is taking up a Drone Survey to identify and clear the encroachments of the canal area that actually serves as the main feeder Canal, supplying fresh water to Kukkarahalli Lake and runs between Bogadi and SBM Layout here.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* today, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra said "We want to clear the encroachments in a planned way, beginning with the identification of encroachments by private parties or Government Departments, private layouts and the competent authorities that approved the plan and violations if any, while approving the plan."

If the encroachment clearance drive is carried out at one go, the chances of inviting the wrath of the people are more. Hence, a list of encroachments and encroachers will be prepared to go ahead according to the plan.

Most importantly, the Drone Survey will be carried out from the canal area near Kukkarahalli Lake (leading towards Bogadi-Gaddige Road), on the basis of available map that clearly shows the

existence of rural areas around the canal. Prior to the survey, a meeting of Officers from Department of Survey, Settlement and Land Records also has been conducted. Of the total 22-km canal area, only 4 kms remains today due to rapid and unscientific development works. Constructed in the 1980s, Vijayanagar and Bogadi witnessed massive earth-moving activities, leading to the destruction of the historic Canal. The Canal's purpose was to supply fresh water to Kukkarahalli Lake from Bommanahalli Lake near Huyilalu village.

Delhi Police Special Cell to record MP Pratap Simmha's statement

New Delhi, Dec. 16- The Delhi Police Special Cell, which is investigating the Parliament security breach, may record the statement of Mysuru-Kodagu BJP Member of Parliament (MP) Pratap Simmha, in whose name the visitors pass for two intruders was issued.

Pratap Simmha, who had met the Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla after the Parliament security breach on Wednesday, has claimed that he did not have any prior connection with the accused.

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Cultural contests are a stepping stone for success

Mysuru, Dec. 16 (MTY&DM)- Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal (KSGH) Music and Performing Arts University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote said that taking part in cultural activities and contests will help the students in personality development and success in life.

He was speaking after distributing prizes to the winners of 'Kala Sharada-2023' City-level Inter-Collegiate Cultural Contest at Sarada Vilas PU College Centenary Hall in Krishnamurthypuram here recently.

Pointing out that cultural contests are the stepping stone for success in a student's life, Prof. Bettakote stressed on the need for the students to take part in cultural activities and contests.

Noting that participation is more important in cultural contests more than winning or losing, he said that participation will also help in building leadership qualities and enhance their self-confidence.

Students from 27 city colleges took part in the contests including Bharatanatyam Group Dance, Film Songs, Bhavageete, Janapadageete, classical Music etc. Sadvidya Semi-Residential PU College in Vijayanagar Second Stage, which scored the highest points, won the Smt. Sharadamma Kala Sharada Rolling Shield.

Sarada Vilas PU College Principal C.K. Ashok Kumar presided. Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions Hon. Secretary N. Chandrashekar, Kala Sharada Convenor Rajendra Prasad Honnalagere, Vidushi Kavyashree R. Rao, faculty members H.R. Paramesh, A. Shilpa, Dr. Pooja, Dr. Lavanya, Vindya R. Prasad, Madhura, Manoj Kumar, Krishnamurthy and others were present.

'There are many careers in the field of Library Science'

Mysuru, Dec. 16 (BLU&DM)- Maintaining that there are many opportunities in the field of Library and Information Science and allied subjects, University of Mysore (UoM) Finance Officer K.S. Rekha complimented the students who have opted for the subject.

She was speaking after inaugurating the Mysore University Library and Information Science Students Association (MULISSA) for the academic year 2023-24 at the Department of Studies in Library and Information Science premises in Manasagangothri here yesterday.

Noting that it is because of Librarians that we have succeeded in saving the thoughts of the world and global personalities, Rekha said that we can see God only in knowledge, which can be acquired in Libraries.

Pointing out that in ancient times, scholars from across the globe visited Nalanda Library (Bihar) for gaining knowledge, she observed that honest efforts of Librarians is key for saving precious and invaluable books for generations to come.

"With rapid advancements in Science and Technology, Information Science is facing newer challenges with the passage of time. There is difference between information and knowledge. Today, the people are more interested in getting information rather than earning knowledge. The authorities should come up with innovative plans to draw students more towards Libraries and books. The Librarians today have also the responsibility to change lifestyles by making people read books. The freshness that we get while reading books cannot be got through digital content," she said and called upon the students to develop interest in every aspects of life.

Dr. M. Sunil Kumar welcomed. MULISSA Faculty Advisor Dr. B. Niveditha provided a brief overview of the Department and MULISSA. MULISSA Secretary C.V. Manoj Kumar proposed a vote of thanks.

Retired University Librarian Dr. C.P. Ramashesh, MULISSA President and DoS in Library and Information Science Chairman Prof. M. Chandrashekara, Prof. N.S. Harinarayana, Prof. H. Adithya Kumari, Research Scholars and students were present during the event.

'Theatre teaches art of living and many things which are out of our education system'

Mysuru, Dec. 16 (PM&TRR)- "Theatre teaches the art of living. Life is like an ocean and theatre teaches one to safely swim against the strong tides of ocean called life," opined Joint Director of Kannada and Culture Department V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy.

He was speaking after inaugurating a seminar and interaction programme at Theatre Rehearsal Room at Kalamandira premises in the city on Thursday. The function was organised by Desiranga Samskrutika Samsthe.

"Theatre teaches a simple way of living and in addition, to remain calm even under trying circumstances. Most of the theatre persons never aspire for a luxurious lifestyle and thespian Dr. Rajkumar is the best example for this. Dr. Rajkumar and B.V. Karanth both were child artistes in Gubbi Veeranna Drama Company and Rajkumar used to meet Karanth whenever he was in Mysuru," added Mallikarjunaswamy.

This seminar and interaction programme is being organised for the benefit of those who are attending the 20-day theatre training programme. Already, 17 days have been passed and 18 theatre activists are participating in this training. The trainees will present a drama 'Beppu Takkadi Boleshankara' written by Dr. Chandrashekar Kambar on Dec. 18, said Krishna Janamana, Theatre Director.

Continuing, he said all that yesteryear actors of Kannada film world had theatre background and theatre has the ability to hold mirror to the past, present and future times. "Theatre beckons those who have passion for acting and it gives immense exposure to hone one's skills in acting, direction, music and other theatre-related activities. There are many examples in society to illustrate that those who are out of comfort zone are the ones who show perseverance to achieve something in life," said the Joint Director and appealed youth to show interest in theatre and folklore.

Manteswamy advocated secularism

Mysuru, Dec. 16 (PM&DM)- Malavalli Sri Manteswamy Mutt, Adi Honnayakanahalli Mutt and Sri Kappadi Mutt Seer M.L. Varchasvi Srikanta Siddalinga Raje Urs said that Manteswamy advocated involvement, unity and secular values.

He was speaking after participating in the Kalasa, Kandaya and Deepotsava Puja organised by Sri Manteswamy Neelagararu and Sri Siddappaji Temple Rakshana Samiti as part of Last Kartika Monday at Sri Siddappaji Temple in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Nagar, Kurimandi, Kesare 3rd Stage in the city on Monday.

Pointing out that Manteswamy tradition has a history of over 600 years, Urs said that Manteswamy was a Shivasharana in the 14-15th century, who advocated the principles of unity and secularism. It is a matter of gladness that the last Kartika Monday is being celebrated since the times of local folk singer late Malavalli Gurubasavaiah, he added.

Earlier, a grand Kandaya, Kalasa and Daala procession was taken out in the main thoroughfares of the locality, during which the Seer blessed the devotees who were gathered along the roads.

Former Corporator Pradeep Chandra, folk singer Mysore Gururaj, Temple's 'Guddappa' Kemparaju, Congress leader G. Mantelingaiah, Siddaraju, K. Ramesh, Shivakumar and others were present.

Hoarding with morphed image of MP Pratap Simmha

BJP Yuva Morcha complains to Police Chief against Congress

Mysuru, Dec. 16 (MK&BS)- BJP City (District) Yuva Morcha has lodged a complaint against Congress party with City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh, for erecting a hoarding with a morphed image of Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simmha portraying him as a terrorist in the wake of security breach at New Parliament House in Delhi, that amounts to provocation of communities.

The BJP Yuva Morcha workers led by their City President M.J. Kiran Kumar, who handed over the complaint copy to the City Police Chief at the latter's office in Nazarbad here yesterday, said "BJP not just condemns the incident of causing security breach and creating a ruckus at the Parliament House, but also has demanded a probe into it. But for the only reason of issuing a pass from Simmha's Office, the hoarding with a morphed image of Simmha, holding arms and ammunition, was put up to flare up communal tensions. Hence, the miscreants among Congress who have been indulging in provocative activities should be arrested."

Speaking to media persons, Kiran Kumar said "The accused persons who barged into the Parliament gallery have been already arrested and the probe is on. However, it is condemnable on the part of Congress to collect signatures by keeping the morphed hoarding in public."

If one sees into the information available with a few Congress leaders, that couldn't be accessed even by the Investigation Officers (IO), it gives rise to suspicion about their handiwork in the whole episode. It is no more a secret that Uttar Pradesh native already arrested in the case was previously associated with All India Trinamool Congress (TMC) party, which is a part of I.N.D.I.A alliance of Opposition parties.

At the outset, it is believed that Congress leaders may have instigated Manoranjan, the accused from Mysuru to accomplish their ulterior motive. What adds further credence to the possibilities of Congress being hand in glove with the accused is the way they called a press meet and shared the information of the accused in the case, explained Kiran Kumar.

MP Simmha had issued a pass to Manoranjan, for the only reason that he was a voter from Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency. Barring this, Simmha had no other intention and is nowhere related to the case of security breach at the Parliament. In view of the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections, a conspiracy is being hatched against him (Simmha), said Kiran Kumar.

The Karnataka State Government, which is riddled in corruption, is tweaking the case to its advantage only to save its face in the wake of recent female foeticide racket, IT raid and irregularities in recruitment drives. But the public should be aware of what is true and lie, said Kiran Kumar.

State BJP Yuva Morcha Vice-President Jayshankar, Chamaraja President Somashekar, Raitha Morcha President Devaraj, Chamaraja BJP Yuva Morcha President Sachin Gowda, Yuva Morcha leaders Santosh Kumar, Karthik Mariyappa, Puneeth Kumar, Hemanth Gowda, JCB Ravi, Paduvarahalli Yoga, Anooj, Raghu, Arun, Arjun Kumar and Harish Kumar were present.

We stand with Pratap Simmha...

BJP workers in Mysuru staging a demonstration expressing their solidarity with Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simmha, in front of his Office at Jaladarshini Guest House on Hunsur road in city this morning. They held posters that read 'We stand with Pratap Simmha.'

Vedike holds signature campaign against Mysuru-Kodagu MP

Mysuru, Dec. 16 (GA&BS)- Karnataka Rajya Hindulida Vargagala Jagrutha Vedike conducted a signature campaign demanding the sacking of Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simmha for issuing a pass to the accused involved in bursting smoke canisters at the Parliament House in Delhi.

The Vedike had put up a hoarding with a morphed image of Simmha at Ekalavya Circle in city yesterday, to collect signatures on the either side of the image. The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) personnel removed the hoarding with the help of Police, even as the Vedike members entered into a wordy duel with them.

Speaking on the occasion, Vedike State President K.S. Shivaram demanded that Simmha should be sacked as an MP and subjected to probe after arresting him. There are suspicions over the passes being sold by his (Simmha) Office staff and they also should be subjected to enquiry.

Former Mysuru Zilla Panchayat President K. Marigowda, Mysuru District Congress Rural Committee President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, Congress leaders J.J. Anand, R.K. Ravi, Yogesh Uppar and others took part in the stir.

Plaint against Shivaram

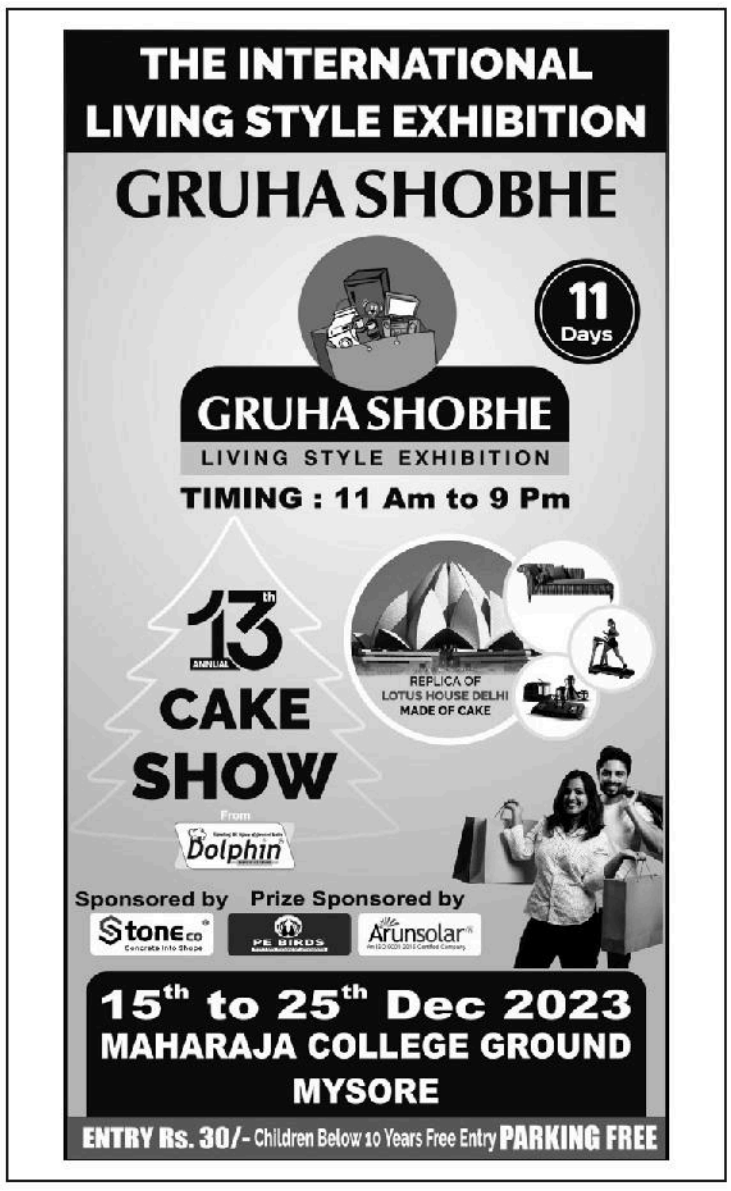
Later, a complaint was lodged against Vedike State President Shivaram at Lakshmipuram Police Station for staging the protest with a morphed image of MP Simmha, in the name of signature campaign and depicting him as a terrorist.

Anand, former President of BJP NR Assembly Constituency and the complainant in the case, told media persons, "It is not for the first time that they have indulged in spewing venom against the MP. But this time they have stooped to a new low. The MP had issued the pass to accused for the only reason that he was from Mysuru. Simmha has never supported any ulterior motives."

Seminar on elderly people care tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 16- The Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, in association with Health and Family Welfare department and the Department of Geriatric Care, JSS Medical College and Hospital, Mysuru is organising a seminar for Doctors and Health Officers on ICOPE (Integrated Care for Older People) at Jnana Sarovar Retreat Centre, Lingadevarakoppal, Hunsur road at 9.45 am tomorrow.

DHO Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy will inaugurate the seminar. Dr. C.U. Jayaram, President of Mysuru District Family Physicians Association, Dr. D. Sunil Kumar, Head, Department of Community Medicine, JSS Medical College and Dr. Maheshwar Hemadri, Geriatrician, Global Hospital, Mount Abu, Rajasthan, will be the chief guests. Rajayogini B.K. Lakshmiji will be present at the event that will have six sessions.



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- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, All India Handicrafts & Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Doddakere Maidan, **3 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sabarimale Sri Ayyappa Puja Samiti - Sri Ayyappa Swamy and Sri Guruvayurappan Temple:** 63rd Annual Puja, Palakkombu Procession, **3.30 pm to 7.30 pm;** Devotional Songs at Temple premises by Y.R. Nagendra Rao and Party, Mysuru, **6 pm;** Palakkombu Nryuthyam, **7 pm to 8 pm;** Thirivuzhichil, **8 pm to 9 pm;** Ayyappan Pattu and Prasada Viniyoga, **9 pm to 9.30 pm;** Vettum Thadavum, **9.30 pm to 10 pm;** Palkindi Procession, Konda and Mangalam, Temple premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **till 12 midnight.**
- **Lisa's First Step:** Display of replica of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, Lisa's First Step premises, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **4 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** 'Kathe Kelona Banni- 806,' story-telling by P. Mukund, retd. Head Master, Seva Bharathi, Teerthahalli, Shivamogga, Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.** [Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115]
- **Akhila Karnataka Kanaka Mattu Rayanna Samskrutika Trust, Akhila Karnataka Kanaka Mattu Rayanna Nowkarara Okoota and Mahadasa Sri Bhakta Kanakadasa Seva Samiti:** Commemorating Kanaka Jayanti, conferring of 'Kanaka Marga' Awards, former Minister H.M. Revanna confers awards on Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar (Media), Mimicry Gopal (arts), Dr. Abdul Khader (Medical), Dr. Lingadalli Halappa, Dr. D. Ravi and Dr. K.E. Govindegowd (Literature) and R. Mahadeva (Social Service); entertainment programme by Mimicry artiste Gopi, Trust State President Dr. Mahesh Chikkallur will compere, M. Shivakumar and Mahendra Kaginele will be present, Ganesh Bhandar Circle, T.K. Layout, **5.30 pm.**
- **Geeth Sangam: 'Swaradhaara' musical evening by professional and upcoming singers — Kavitha Kamath, Nithyananda Kamath, Hedatale Narayan, Dr. K.A.K. Surendran, Dr. Ravindra Kumar, B.S. Kumarswamy, Dr. Bharath Raj, Jayalakshmi Naidu, Geetha Rao, Chandru and Annu Murnad to present Kannada and Hindi film songs, Jaganmohan Palace auditorium, 5.30 pm onwards. Entry is free.**
- **Sugama Sangeetha Academy Trust:** Bhavageete recital by Supriya Raghunandan, accompanied by Shanmukha Sajja on keyboard, Atmaram on mridanga and Vinay Rangadhol on rhythm pad, Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavan, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Mahamedhanandaji speaks on 'Service and Salvation - Letter of Swami Vivekananda,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Innovative and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, Mysuru:** Mahila Yaksha Sambhrama, Kannada & Culture Director Dr. Dharanidevi Malagatti inaugurates, felicitation to Rajyotsava Awardee Dr. Kabbinale Vasantha Bharadwaj, Yakshagana exponent G.S. Bhatta presides; Yakshagana 'Shivapanchakshari Mahime' by Karnataka Mahila Yakshagana-Bengaluru led by Srinivasa Sasthana, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 17)

- **Sri Balamuri Ganapathi Temple, City Railway Station:** 34th anniversary celebrations, Panchami Shravana Nakshatra, Pradhana Homa, Maha Mrutyunjaya Homa, **9 am;** Mahapurnahuti, **11 am;** Mahamangalarati, Theertha Prasada viniyoga, Temple premises, **12 noon.**
- **Department of Health and Family Welfare, Mysuru, Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Mysuru and Department of Geriatrics, JSS Medical College and Hospital, Mysuru:** Symposium on 'Elderly Health Care' for doctors and Medical Officers, BK Lakshmiji graces the occasion, Health & Family Welfare Officer Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy inaugurates, **9.45 am;** Valedictory, Gyan Sarovar Retreat Centre, Hunsur Road, **4 pm.**
- **Ascendance:** Watercolour solo expo by R. Chethan, Sree Kalanikehana Art Gallery, Vijajanagar, **10 am to 5 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Day-long programme of Veena Concerts and Lecture Demonstration on various topics of Veena heritage on the occasion of Keertishesha Vid. Veene Sheshanna Jayanti, [Programme is in memory of late Veena Vidushi Chokkamma and sponsored by Prof. Mysore V. Subramanya and Veena Vidushi Chokkamma family and students and with the Co-operation of Kannada and Culture Department, Bengaluru], Morning Session - Vidu. Geetha Ramanand on 'Veena composers of Mysore,' **10 am;** Veena Concert - Rare compositions of Mysore Veena Composers by Vidu. Mysore Rajalakshmi, Vidu. Veena and Vidu. Anagha, **11.15 am;** Lecture demonstration by Vidu. Dr. M.R. Manjula on 'Preservation and retaining of rare compositions of yesteryear,' **12.30 pm to 1.45 pm;** Afternoon Session - Lecture Demonstration by Vidu. Y.J. Srilatha Nikshith on 'Various Veena Bani (style),' **2.30 pm;** Veena Concert - Compositions of Vid. Veene Seshanna and Vid. Veene Subbanna by Vidu. N. Bharathi and Vidu. S. Lakshmi, **3.45 pm to 5 pm;** Evening Session - Veena Duet Concert by Vidu. M.K. Saraswathi and Vidu. Aishwarya Manikarnike, Mridanga Accompaniment by P. Nataraj (Morning Session), Kumaraswamy (Afternoon Session) and G.S. Ramanujan (Evening Concert); Ghata by V.S. Ramesh (Evening Concert), Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm onwards.** [Mob: 94483-23234]
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, All India Handicrafts & Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **10.30 am to 9 pm.**
- **Railway Pensioners Association:** Pensioners Day celebrations, Shilpi Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager, Mysuru Division, chief guest, SC/ST Association Auditorium, Seshadri Iyer Road, **10.30 am.**
- **Mysore Brindavan Sky Trust, Mysuru, affiliated to World Community Service Centre (WCSC):** Vedadri Sky Yoga and Meditation, The World Community Service Centre President *Padma Shri* SKM Maeilanandhan chief guest and delivers the spiritual address, WCSC Karnataka Zone President Sr. Prof. Dr. P. Dhanapathi and WCSC Karnataka Zone Vice-President (SMART) Sr. Prof. Dr. Vijaya Dhanapathi guests, Leela Channaiah Kalyana Mantap, next to Maharani's Commerce and Management College, Paduvarahalli, **10.30 am to 12 noon.**
- **People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL), Mysuru and Shyagale Shivarudramma Trust:** Human Rights Day, lecture by former *Outlook* Editor Krishna Prasad, PUCL Mysuru District Unit President Prof. K. Kalachannegowda presides, #403, Shyagale House, Shyagale Shivarudramma Trust, Contour Road, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **10.30 am to 1 pm.**
- **Sri Nataraja Pratishtana, Sri Hosmutt, Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, Mysuru:** Releasing of artist L. Shivalingappa's book 'Shilpiye Rajaguruvagi,' Sri Hosmutt Seer Sri Chidananda Swamiji graces the occasion, Kannada & Culture Director Dr. Dharanidevi Malagatti releases the book, former Kannada Book Authority Chairman Dr. Nandish Hanche speaks about the book, Sri Nataraja Pratishtana Special Officer Dr. S. Shivarajappa presides, Sri Nataraja auditorium, Shankar Mutt Road, **10.30 am.**
- **Sarada Vilas College Alumni Association:** Samagama-2023, Prof. T.K. Umesh, former VC, University of Mysore, Governing Council Member, SVEI, Mysuru, chief guest, N. Chandrashekar, Hon. Secretary, SVEI, special invitee, Dr. M. Devika, Principal, Sarada Vilas College, presides, Centenary Hall, College premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **10.30 am.**
- **Music Programme:** Vocal concert by C.R. Sughosh, accompanied by Vid. Amogh Nadadur on violin, Vid. Mysore Subramanya Kumar on mridanga, Mysore Vasudevacharya's House, near Agrahara, **10.30 am to 12 noon.**
- **Manava Hakkugala Seva Samiti:** 'Kanunu Arivu-Neravu' Programme - 7th anniversary and award presentation, 'Manava Ratna State Award' presentation to achivers from various fields, free eye screening and distribution of spectacles by ASG Hospital, felicitation to ex-servicemen and farmers; Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji of Melukote Vangipura Mutt and Dr. Anu Amma of Doddaballapur Shakti Swaroopini Renuka Yellamma Temple will grace the occasion, Senior Civil Judge B.G. Dinesh special invitee, social worker Raghuram Vajpayee inaugurates, Manava Hakkugala Seva Samiti State President Dr. Sitaramegowda presides, Town Hall, **11 am.**
- **Sabarimale Sri Ayyappa Puja Samiti - Sri Ayyappa Swamy and Sri Guruvayurappan Temple:** 24th Year Dhwajarohana Mahothsava, welcome to Tantri and group, **12.30 pm;** Maha Annadanam, **12.30 pm to 3 pm;** Prasada Shuddhi, Kodiyettam and various rituals, Temple premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **5.30 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Karnataka State Government Retired Employees Association:** Pensioners Day celebrations, Shiva Bhavana, SBM Colony, Srirampura, **3 pm.**
- **Lisa's First Step:** Display of replica of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, Lisa's First Step premises, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **4 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sri Basaveshwara Samskrutika Pratishtana:** Discussion on 'female foeticide,' Dr. K. Leela Prakash main speaker, Namana Kala Mantapa, Krishnamurthypuram, **4.30 pm.**
- **Swaraanjali:** Sandya Sambhrama, dedicated to all senior citizens, prize distribution, Quiz Master Dr. Na. Someshwar of 'That anta heli' fame and humourist Prof. Krishnegowda chief guests, music programme by Bharat Brass Band, MMC&RI Platinum Jubilee Hall, JK Grounds, **5 pm.** [Mob: 97412-20301 or 96639-77949]
- **Sri Narthana Educational and Cultural Trust - Sowmya Nritya Shala:** Narthanotsava-2023, anniversary, Sri Rajeshwari Vasthralankara Owner B.M. Ramachandra chief guest, felicitation to Natya Vidushi A. Chandramati; Music and dance performance by Sowmya Nritya Shala students, Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5 pm.**
- **Kannada Sangha - State Bank of India (SBI), Mysuru:** Anniversary and book release, retd. Tahsildar Dr. V. Ranganath chief guest, retd. DGM of SBI K. Raghu Shetty presides, Rotary West auditorium, Saraswathipuram, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Muktidanandaji speaks on 'Sri Ramakrishna Aratrika,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Innovative and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, Mysuru:** Mahila Yaksha Sambhrama, Yakshagana 'Chakravyuha' by Karnataka Mahila Yakshagana-Bengaluru led by Srinivasa Sasthana, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**

Power disruption in city layouts tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec.16- As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) will take up third quarterly maintenance works at Bannimantap Power Distribution Centre, Hootagalli Power Receiving Centre, Metagalli and Hebbal Industrial Power Distribution Centres, there will be no power supply tomorrow (Dec. 17) between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas:

Bannimantap Power Distribution Centre: Siddiquenagar, Sri Shivarathreeshwaranagar, Manipal Hospital, Hanumanthanagar, HUDCO, Industrial 'A' and 'C' Layouts, KSRTC Depot, Industrial 'B' Layout, Highway Circle, areas around *Star of Mysore,* Cauvery Nagar, Belavatha, Sadanahalli, Siddalingapura, K.R. Mill, Naganahalli, Lakshmipura, Kalasthavadi, Mysuru-Bengaluru Main Road and surrounding areas.

Hootagalli Power Receiving Centre: Areas around Automotive Axles, Rane Madras Road, Koorgalli, Hootagalli Industrial Area, Theorem, Spectra Pipes, Varsha Cables, L&T, Wipro Lights, Sriram Engineers, Rajat Battery, RPG Cable, Damden Apartment, Hinkal Ashraya Houses and surrounding areas.

Metagalli Power Distribution Centre: Metagalli Industrial Area, Metagalli, Brindavan Layout, Lokanayaka Nagar, Jayadeva Nagar, B.M. Sri Nagar, Hebbal Outer Ring Road, HPCL Gas Plant surroundings, Hebbal 1st to 3rd Stages, Subramanya Nagar, Basavanagudi, SBM Bank surroundings, Hebbal Colony, Hebbal Main Road, Lakshmikantha Nagar, Sankranti Circle, Golden Bakery, KIADB Layout, Mayura Circle, Cauvery Circle, Military Quarters, RBI, Vikrant Main Plant, Shivamogga Steels and surroundings, Belagola Industrial Area, KRS Road, Bhyraveshwaranagar and surrounding areas.

Hebbal Industrial Area Power Distribution Centre: Koorgalli Industrial Area, Excel Public School, Vinyas, surroundings of Koorgalli Lake, Gopalan Compound, Wipro, Meritor, Pattabi Enterprises, Millennium, L&T, Marc Batteries Road, Chamundi Silks and surroundings, BEML, Automotive Axles, Infosys, JK Tyre main and Radial Plant and Shivamogga Steels EHT users, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineers, N.R. Mohalla and VV Mohalla Divisions.

CESC public grievances meet on Dec. 18, 20, 22

Mysuru, Dec.16- Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) will be holding public grievances meetings at its N.R. Mohalla, Jyothinagar, Central, Chamundipuram and Varuna Sub-Divisional Offices on different dates as mentioned below:

Dec.18: N.R. Mohalla **(11 am)** and Jyothinagar **(3 pm)**; **Dec. 20:** CESC Central **(11 am)** and Chamundipuram **(3 pm)**; **Dec.22:** Varuna **(11 am).**

The members of the public are appealed give their grievances in writing and get them solved, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer, N.R. Mohalla Sub-Division.

Loan subsidy for Farmer Producer Companies

Mysuru, Dec. 16 - Applications have been invited from the Farmer Producer Companies for providing four percent subsidy on interest rate for the loans advanced up to Rs. 20 lakh by Co-operative Societies and commercial banks, to encourage 100 Farmer Producer Companies of backward taluks and to strengthen them.

Barring Mysuru taluk, the Farmer Producer Companies in remaining eight taluks can apply for availing the benefit.

The format of application can be obtained from the Office of the Joint Director, Agriculture Department in the city and submitted along with complete documents before 5 pm of Dec. 18.

For further details contact the Office of the Assistant Director or Joint Director of Agriculture Department, according to a press release.

Sky Watch Event by COSMOS Mysuru on Dec.18 at Vijnana Bhavan

Mysuru, Dec. 16- The Cosmology Education and Research Training Centre (COSMOS), Mysuru and the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) in association with the University of Mysore (UoM) have organised a Sky Watch Event on Dec.18 at 6.30 pm in Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri, according to N. Amoghavarsha, Project Associate-I: 'COSMOS', Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Mysuru *[email: cosmos.epoc@iiap.res.in]*

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Sam Bahadur (H)	(S-2)	4.25 pm, 7.20 pm, 10.15 pm
Kaiva (K)	(S-3)	10.40 am, 7.30 pm
	(S-4)	10.00 pm
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Useless Fellow (K)	:	12.30 pm
Sam Bahadur (H)	:	3.00 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.30 pm
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	(S-4)	4.25 pm, 8.30 pm
Kaiva (K)	(S-2)	10.20 am; (S-3) 3.55 pm
Sam Bahadur (H)	(S-3)	10.10 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello -B (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Hi Nanna (Te)	(S-3)	12.40 pm, 6.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.00 am
Trailer Screening Show	(S-3)	12 noon

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Kaiva (K)	:	10.05 am, 7.20 pm
Useless Fellow (K)	:	11.05 am
Maayanagari (K)	:	2.05 pm
Hi Nanna (Te)	:	3.05 pm, 10.10 pm
O Nanna Chethana (K)	:	5.00 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	6.20 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - B (K)	:	7.00 pm, 10.20 pm

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Gandhi Shilp Bazaar begins at JSS Urban Haat

Karnataka State Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited (KSHDCL)-Bengaluru Managing Director Dr. G. Vishwanath and JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath inaugurated the Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, the All India Handicrafts & Handloom Expo-cum-Sale at JSS Mysore Urban Haat in Hebbal Industial Area in city yesterday. Assistant Director, HSC, O/o DCH, Ministry of Textiles, Mysuru, K.S Sunilkumar, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Publication Division Director Prof. Morabada Mallikarjuna, General Administration Division Director Ravindra, Finance Division DD M. Shivananjaswamy, Project Officer Rakesh Rai, Sundarappa and others were present. The Expo-cum-Sale will be open between 10.30 am and 9 pm till Dec. 24. Entry is free.

Elders should share knowledge with society: Swami Muktidanandaji

Mysuru, Dec.16 (BLU&DM)- Stating that most of the elderly are knowledgeable persons, Swami Muktidanandaji, President of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru, observed that the elderly should share their knowledge and experience with their family and as well as the society.

He was speaking after inaugurating the Foundation Day celebration of Elder Citizens Council at Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavan on Hospital road in Jayalakshmipuram here on Tuesday morning.

Observing that Knowledge (Jnana) is like 'Yagna', Swami Muktidanandaji said that this Yagna should be passed on to younger and future generations.

Calling upon the elderly to come with a 'Chintana-Manthana' book that contains their wisdom, experience and acquired knowledge, he said doing so will be of good help to the society, which is currently undergoing a generational transformation with rapid advancements in Science and Technology.

Five elder citizens — Govindegowda, S.V. Venkateshaiah, Dr. M.T. Nagaraj, Sudha Harish and Shankar Narayan — were felicitated on the occasion. Elder Citizens Trust Chairman S.V. Gowdappa, Council President Dr. H.M. Nagaraj, former MUDA Chairman Yashaswi Somashekar and others were present .

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